

**CHAPTER NO. 171**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 3296**

**By Representative Fitzhugh**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3243**

**By Mr. Speaker Wilder**

AN ACT relative to the qualifications and compensation of the general sessions judge of Haywood County and to repeal Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1990.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Effective September 1, 2006 the position of judge of the general sessions court of Haywood County shall become a full-time position. The judge occupying such position shall be an attorney as evidenced by a current license to practice law in this state, and shall devote full-time to the duties of the office. Such judge shall be prohibited from the private practice of law or any other employment that conflicts with the performance of such person's duties as judge. The general sessions judge of Haywood County shall possess all other qualifications required by law for judges of inferior courts.

SECTION 2. Effective September 1, 2006, notwithstanding any other provision of law or private act to the contrary, the annual salary of the general sessions judge of Haywood County is set at an amount equal to the amount received annually by circuit court judges and chancellors. On July 1, 2007, and every July 1 thereafter, the annual salary of the general sessions judge of Haywood County shall be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-103(2). The salary provided for the general sessions judge shall be paid in twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

SECTION 3. Chapter 192 of the Private Acts of 1990 is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Haywood County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of Haywood County and certified to the secretary of state.

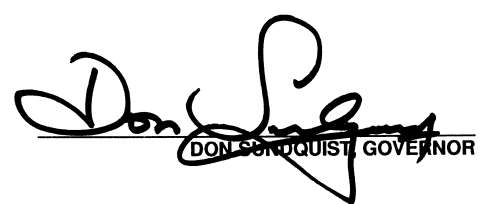
SECTION 5. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective on September 1, 2006.

PASSED: June 30, 2002

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2002

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR